

State Senator Joe Crisco's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

I visited with seniors at the Miller Senior Center to detail ways they could save on their prescription costs and their electric bills.



HAMDEN FUNDING

\$412 Million in Bonding Authorizations
Cut : Several Hamden Projects Saved

Given these difficult economic times, it was necessary for legislators on the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee to recommend cancellation of projects, many of them worthy, that had been authorized for funding. The cancellations would result in a \$412 million cut from the bonding authorizations. I am pleased, however that the following Hamden projects remain eligible for funding:

- \$5,000,000** Newhall Rehabilitation
- \$390,000** Whitneyville Center Streetscapes
- \$6,731,680** Upgrades for Eli Whitney and all other Vo-Tech Schools

HELPING CONSUMERS WITH ENERGY COSTS

Electric Supply Choice

Consumers can save as much as 10% off their electric bills by switching electric suppliers. Visit www.ctenergyinfo.com for more information.

Weatherization

This program provides assistance to income-eligible persons who want to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient. The program includes:

- Free energy audit
- Up to \$6,500 in material and labor for weatherization

For more information, or to apply for the program please call **1-800-842-1132**

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

We greatly increased the number of seniors who would qualify for this program, which:

- Pays Medicare Part B premiums for enrollees
- Provides automatic eligibility for the Medicare Part D Low-Income (LIS) subsidy that pays the monthly Part D premium
- Reduces co-payments on prescription drugs on the Medicare formulary

For more information, or to apply for the program please call **CHOICES** at **1-800-994-9422**

Dear Neighbor,

As the current legislative session moves into the final weeks, I want to bring you up to date on the progress of some of my initiatives as co-chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. As of this writing, the following bills are ready for Senate action:

Savings for Towns and Cities on Prescription Drug Plans: This legislation, if successful, would allow Hamden, other municipalities and boards of education to purchase prescription drug coverage through the state employee plan. The costs would be considerably less than coverage now offered to many Connecticut municipalities, thereby helping to control local property taxes.

Prohibiting Co-Payments for Preventive Care: To encourage the health of our residents, certain individual and group insurance policies may no longer require co-payments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for preventive care services.

Please feel free to contact me with your views on these or any other issue of importance to you. You can reach me at **1-800-842-1420 ext. 0189** or by email at **Crisco@senatedems.ct.gov**. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

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